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SUMMARY: INTERIOR MINISTER ASILTURK TOLD USAID DIRECTOR TONER AUGUST 23 HIS MINISTRY IS COMPLETING PLANS FOR POPPY CONTROLS THAT ASSUME GUM PRODUCTION IN SEVEN PROVINCES AND UNFORTUNATELY POLICE CONTROLS ONLY SLIGHTLY IMPORVED OVER THOSE OF LAST GROWING SEASON. BELIEVE GENEVA SHOULD WARN GREENFIELD MISSION OF THIS AND OF NEED FOR VIGOROUS PRESENTATION TO JOLT GOT OUT OF ITS CONFIDENCE THAT ITS CURRENT APPROACH WILL SATISFY INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING BRIEFING ON AID PROGRAMS, MINISTER ASILTURK SAID THAT AS RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR BOTH JANDARMA AND TURKISH NATIONA POLICE HE HAD JUST REVIEWED A NARCOTICS CONTROL PLAN THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

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A. A PROGRAM OF THE SOILS PRODUCT OFFICE (TMO)

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BUYING GUM FROM INCISED PODS AT THE FARM. NO MIDDLE
MAN OPERATIONS WILL BE PERMITTED. FARMERS
WHO WILL BE LICENSED HAVE ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED.

B. A REFINED SYSTEM OF ESTIMATION OF CROP
YIELD WITH TOLERANCES LIMITED TO TEN PERCENT.
LICENSES WILL BE ISSUED ONLY FOR A FEW DOCARES OF
LAND WHICH WILL BE MEASURED FOR CROP YIELD BY EXPERTS.

C. THE WHOLE POPPY GROWING AREA WILL BE
DELCARED A "SENSITIVE" REGION. ALL TRAFFIC LEADING
TO AND FROM THESE PROVINCES WILL BE UNDER
CONTINUOUS CONTROL. ROAD BLOCKS WILL BE USED TO CHECK
THE LOAD, PASSENGERS AND VEHICLES. UNDERCOVER
SURVEILLANCE PERSONNEL WILL ALSO BE UTILIZED.

D. HEAVY PENALTIES WILL BE IMPOSED ON ANYONE
CAUGHT VIOLATING THE NEW REGULATIONS.

E. PERSONNEL AT PORTS OF EXIT, BOTH HARBORS,
AIRPORTS AND HIGHWAYS WILL BE REINFORCED TO CHECK
AND CONTROL PASSENGERS AND MERCHANDISE.
THE MINISTER SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT A PROGRAM OF
THIS NATURE WOULD WIN WORLD CONFIDENCE.

2. TONER, IN RESPONDING, NOTED PROGRAM SILILAR TO
THAT USED IN LAST GROWING SEASON AND SAID HE WAS HIGHLY
SKEPTICAL THAT THE SAME APPROACH WOULD EITHER WIN WORLD
CONFIDENCE OR BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN PRIOR YEAR'S
EXPERIENCE. HE SUGGESTED WITH UN TEAM ARRIVING
AUGUST 28, GOT KEEP ITS OWN PLANS SUFFICIENTLY FLUID SO
AS TO ACCOMMODATE RECOMMENDATIONS OF UN EXPERTS.

3. MINISTER AGREED THAT JUDGMENTS OF EXPERTS WERE
DEISRED, BUT HE NOTED TIME FRAME IS NOW VERY TIGHT
GIVEN THE FACT THE GROWING SEASON BEGINS EARLY
OCTOBER AND LICENSES WILL HAVE TO BE ISSUED IN
SEPTEMBER. HE SAID HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT PROGRAM
THAT FINALLY EMERGES WOULD WIN US SUPPORT.

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4. COMMENT. INTERIOR MINISTER ASILTURK IS PROBABLY
MOST INFLUENTIAL OF THE NSP COALITION WITH MAJORITY
RPP CABINET MINISTERS. WITH HIS OWN PLANNING SO FAR
ADVANCED, IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE GREENFIELD
MISSION WILL HAVE TO SEVERELY JOLT THE GOT IF SERIOUS
CONSIDERATION IS TO BE GIVEN TO A PROGRAM THAT HAS
GREATER LIKELIHOOD OOF SUCCESS. WE BELIEVE GREENFIELD
SHOULD BE WARNED OF WHAT HE WILL BE RUNNING INTO AND

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BE PREPARED FOR HEAD ON CONFRONTATION WHICH WILL REQUIRE
VIGOROUS UN PRESENTATION TO GET GOT TO RECEDE FROM
PRESENT PLANNING.
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